

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**History Of The United States**  
**Areas Of Study**

- I. Review of the Civil War
  - a. Echoes of the conflict throughout modern U.S. history
- II. Reconstruction
  - a. Relationship of the North and South (1865-1877)
  - b. Role of black codes, Jim Crow laws, Freedman's Bureau, and Amendments
- III. Industrial America (1860-1900)
  - a. Productivity, immigration, and invention
  - b. Vertical and horizontal integration, anti-trust laws, and robber barons
- IV. Gilded Age
  - a. Differences in wealth: the new rich and the urban poor
  - b. Corruption in society and laissez-faire government
- V. The Frontier and Western migration
  - a. Lives of settlers; development of industry; interpretations of the region
  - b. Changing relationships with Native Americans
- VI. United States as a world force
  - a. Expansionist policy, new market exploration, and entrance into the Pacific
- VII. World War I (1914-1918)
  - a. Emergence of the United States as a global power
  - b. Impact of growing alliances, nationalism, and technologies across Europe
- VIII. The Roaring Twenties
  - a. Causes and effects of post-war boom; mood of government and society
  - b. Flourishing of art, fashion, music, and inventions during the time
- IX. The Great Depression
  - a. Causes of the collapse; Hoover and the early years
  - b. Roosevelt and the New Deal
- X. World War II (1941-1945)
  - a. Rise of dictators in Europe and Asia
  - b. Turning points, technologies, effort on the home front, and the Holocaust
- XI. Post-War Period – Seeds of the Cold War
  - a. The rise of communism; Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan & containment
  - b. The nuclear age and the arms race
- XII. The Cold War
  - a. Korea, Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, and pivotal moments
  - b. Civil Rights: leaders and legislation